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NHDP PROJECTS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the National Highways Development projects in Bihar are running behind their schedule time of completion.

(b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) The cost escalation as a result thereof; and

(d) The steps being taken by the Government to expedite the completion of these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) Details of NHDP Projects running behind scedule in Bihar are enclosed as Annexure. There has been some delays in comletion of some contracts under NHDP due to problems associated with land acquisition, sifting of utilities,delay in obtaining clearances for cutting of trees, poor performance by some of the contractors and law and order problems in ititial stages of implementation.

(c) There is a provision for price escalation clause in contract agreements.The cost of construction may increase based on wholesale price index and final cost of construction can be assessed only after completion of project.In case the project is delayed due to fault on the part of contractor,liquidated damage is imposed and no escalation is paid. Escalations are paid only in case of default by NHAI.

(d) All phases of NHDP are monitored by NHAI, Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways, Planning Commission, Committee of Secretaries and the Committee on Infrastructure.